

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to push an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and goes against fair, unbiased journalistic standards.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies and political interests control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy and the rights of individuals to free and unbiased choices made with truthful information. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter to us as individual communities.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.